

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of using an overlay to verify or form a folding, embossing, or rule die comprising the steps of:
 - a) forming an overlay by the method consisting of the steps of:
 - i) creating an imaged receiver sheet having an image; a thermal print layer; and a support layer;
 - ii) laminating a plastic sheet with said imaged receiver sheet thereby encapsulating said image;
 - iii) removing said support layer forming an overlay with an electrostatic charge; and
 - b) using said overlay to verify or form a folding, embossing, or rule die.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said support layer comprises a support base, a release layer, and aluminized layer.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said support base comprises a member of the group: polyester, polyethylene, and combinations thereof.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein said thermal print layer comprises Butvar.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein said thermal print layer comprises a polyacrylate.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the laminating temperature is about 120° C for dye based images.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the laminating temperature is less than about 120° C for pigment based images.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the laminating pressure is performed at up to 80 psi.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the image is an inkjet generated image.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said imaged receiver sheet comprises a monochrome image.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said imaged receiver sheet comprises a multicolor image.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein said second support layer is a clear flexible material.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein each said thermal print layer has a thickness between 1 and 75 microns.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein said imaged receiver sheet has a resolution of between about 1000 and 4000 dpi.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein said imaged receiver sheet has a resolution of between about 1800 and 3000 dpi.